

From: POETAMELIE@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 11:23 AM
Subject: No to relaxing the broadcast ownership rules

Dear Commissioners:

I am a private citizen working in the entertainment industry. I wish to make clear my complete opposition to any further deregulation of outlet ownership. The current state of affairs is killing broadcast news, television and radio programming, and meaningful discourse in this country. Allowing our airwaves--which belong to the citizens of the U.S., not to the likes the Rupert Murdoch--to fall under the control of fewer hands will kill this country's cultural life. I am urging each of you to oppose the deregulation. Better you should reverse the trend to pre-Reagan era standards. The loss of variety and the increase in corporate control is a bad idea for all concerned.

Respectfully,

Amélie Frank
Los Angeles, CA

From: CommonColl@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 11:24 AM
Subject: Proposed Rule Changes, June 2, 2003

Dear Chairman Powell:

Please be advised that I as an interested member of the general public I understand the proposed rule changes governing media ownership as an encouragement of corporate consolidation resulting in a diminution of diversity in the depth and breadth of opinions, perspectives, coverage and selection available on the public airways. Such control is antithetical to the public interest of this nation which your agency is in place to protect. Existing rules are not outdated, despite the expanding availability of new media outlets including cable and Internet.

Please reconsider and do not approve these changes.

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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, jadelstein@fcc.gov

From: DQStrong@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 11:24 AM
Subject: FCC rules changes

In my opinion, with the votes you cast today, you have abdicated your duty as an FCC Commissioner. You should be removed from your posts for derilection of duty. To favor capitalism and free enterprise over the demands and needs of the public you are mandated to protect, is in my opinion reprehensible. Mr. Powell you have served your purpose well as a Bush appointee. Your goal from day one was to force more deregulation on the media. This is appalling. As I watched the proceedings, I couldn't help but notice the arrogance with which Ms. Abernathy and yourself presented your statements. No matter how powerful you think you are, you still have to answer to the American people eventually and that time will come much sooner than you expect with these rules changes. Mr. Web, you seemed like a reluctant participant, but under tremendous political pressure you caved.

The people own the public airways, not the corporations. This government has forgotten they work for us, the people, not for the corporations. This Republican government has done everything in its power to insure the Corprations own this country, not the people who pay your salaries. When Bush said he was going to run this government like a corporation, he really meant it, even to the point of letting the corporations set the governing policies for the people of America. Sounds alot like the monarchy of the British Empire. We nobles know what is best for the poor peasants who preside in our province. Sleep well tonight as you sell American Democracy to the highest bidder. I hope your consciences can bear the weight of the sleeping giant you have awoken.

D Strong

From: Michael Kennelly
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 11:41 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Michael Kennelly (ms_kennelly@ev1.net) writes:

Mr Adelstein,

Thank you for voicing your opposition to the 'rules changes'. After the vote I switched to MSNBC to see if the vote was worthy of 'breaking news.' It was indeed!! However, the first and most important news about the vote was "just in video" of the young ladies singing their disapproval of the vote. MSNBC did provide a brief "recap" the changes. Now back to Eric Rudolph followed by Laci Peterson. Thank you again, Sir, for your commitment democracy.

Mike Kennelly
San Antonio, Tx

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From: Steve Sewall Ph.D.
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 11:41 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Steve Sewall Ph.D. (stevesewall@amertech.net) writes:

Brilliant presentation June 2nd

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From: S. WINN
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 11.41 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

S. WINN (WINNHERE@YAHOO.COM) writes:

MY STRONGEST COMMENDATION GOES OUT TO YOU FOR YOUR PRECISE ANALYSIS OF THE GRIEVOUS ERRORS OF THE MAJORITY OF YOUR COLLEAGUES WHO WERE EVIDENTLY PUT UNDER THE CONTROL OF THAT CORRUPT LAWYER-EX COMMISSIONER WILEY.

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From: Andrew Meehan
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 11:41 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Andrew Meehan (andrewmeehan@yahoo.com) writes:

Great statement... the end of the beginning? I can only hope you're right. Please - for the sake of intelligent and civilized discourse and proper utilization of our public resource I implore you, I beg you to please, please continue to fight the good fight!!

Thank you,

- Andrew Meehan

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From: Linda Cosand
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 11:41 AM
Subject: Thank you!

Mr. Adelstein:

I listened to your eloquent speech this morning about selling out the FCC. I was deeply touched with your words and your passion and your reason. You ended on a positive note, and I appreciate that very much!

I'm writing to ask you to publicize in some way your eloquent words, so I can distribute them. We must fight against these forces which are slowly trying to devour us all.

Thank you for your courage and your eloquence!
Thank you for taking your position as Public Servant seriously.
Thank you for putting your views on the line!
Thank you for standing up against Chairman Powell.
Thank you for holding hearings, and attending them.
(Unlike your spineless "leader" Mr. Powell.)
Thank you for being you!

Linda J Cosand
Chicago, IL

From: C Baker
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 11:41 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

C Baker (cbakertex@yahoo.com) writes:

Thank's for trying!

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From: John Allen
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 11:41 AM
Subject: I'm sorry

I'm sorry you didn't win this morning.

What is everyone thinking there?

Add me to the list of people that are disappointed about the vote this morning.

John Allen

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From: RHVEA@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 11:41 AM
Subject: Thank you

Mr. Adelstein,

Thank you for your strong remarks today at the hearings as televised on C-SPAN. Also, thank you for your hard work over the last few months.

On to the courts,

"What's so funny about peace, love, and understanding?" Elvis Costello

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From: Sarah Knutson
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 11:41 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Sarah Knutson (Sally_Knutson@hotmail.com) writes:

Thank you for opposing the deregulation today.

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From: kstocker@unm.edu
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 11:41 AM
Subject: FCC regulation changes

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to you to request that you please not raise the cap on how many media stations any particular business or conglomerate may own. It is imperative to this nation and its ideals (including free speech) that we maintain open various avenues for the expression of diverse opinions. Free speech means nothing if there is insufficient access to venues through which to voice it publicly. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Karen Stocker, Ph.D.
Albuquerque, NM

From: Wesley M. Pattillo
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 11:42 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Wesley M. Pattillo (wpattillo@nccusa.org) writes:

You are a hero to many thousands of us who are grieving today at the reckless decision of the FCC.
THANK YOU for your courageous stand in defense of market diversity, democratic freedoms, and the American people.

Wesley M. "Pat" Pattillo,
Director of Communication,
National Council of Churches USA

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From: Savina Rupani
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 11:42 AM
Subject: FCC ruling

Dear Mr. Adelstein,

I just caught your last remarks at the hearing and I want to thank you for being so eloquent and forthright about your opposition to the new rules. I especially liked your point that not enough people have access to the new technology where more diverse views are expressed and also how the FCC's new system for analyzing individual markets is a sham.

Thank you for keeping up a good fight and for being a spokesman for democracy.

Sincerely,
Savina Rupani
Washington, DC

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From: Terri Takahashi
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 11:44 AM
Subject: Thanks For Your Efforts

Where do we go from here?

Terri Takahashi

Anyone who has the power to make you believe absurdities has the power to make you commit injustices.
1767 Voltaire

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From: steve whitlow
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 11:52 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

steve whitlow (skg1016@aol.com) writes:

Thank you for dissenting the recent regulation change. We are indeed heading down an awful road.

I don't know what I will tell my children.

steve

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From: Jeanette Schiavone
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 11:55 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Jeanette Schiavone (jjdobes@aol.com) writes:

Thank you on behalf of so many millions of concerned citizens this morning. You were a voice crying in the wilderness, yet it was sweet to hear that voice.

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From: GAJS1040@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 11:56 AM
Subject: Vulcan Conspiracy?

Hello:

You should be ashamed of yourself to think that the citizens are stupid enough to fall for your shallow, preindoctrinated pro-business stand over the rights and responsibilities for the fairness and truth.

From: GAJS1040@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 12:09 PM
Subject: Good Job!

Mr. Adelstein :

I applaud you efforts to look at the issues in a comprehensive manner and not skew them for political benefit.

This ruling is so outrageous and in the end it will be 100 plus stations dictated by one or two voices who control the news to bend and mold society.

Remedy: "tune off and tune out" majority owned TV,cable and newspapers.Seek the independent little guy (if any remain). Without adequate numbers of market share where will advertisers choose to spend the \$\$\$\$.

From: Ladd Hadlock
To: Commissioner Adelstein, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy, Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 12:15 PM
Subject: Sad Day

Big business, with all their money and power, win over the needs of the public again! It's a sad day for all Americans.

From: PatriotPoint@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 12:20 PM
Subject: A Travesty!

Today's poll on AOL indicates that over 75% of the respondents disagree with the commission's decision regarding the "relaxation" of ownership rules. I am one of those.

After 40+ years as a staunch Democrat, I switched parties. That was 20 years ago. Today I wonder if perhaps the Democrats have been right all along. "The Republicans are the friends of BIG business."

The key to growth is the enhancement of small businesses. Sometimes that requires decisions by those in authority to protect such businesses from heavy-handed competition or outright destruction. The "control" of the media in the hands of a few "protected left-wingers" is the road to destruction for a far greater reason; the elimination of divergent opinions or views. As the governing authority, the commission has abdicated its responsibility to the American people. It is a sad day to be a Republican.

W. Bass

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: mvsmith@wesleyan.edu
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 12:24 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

Dear Sirs and Madame:

I am outraged by your board's 3-2 decision this morning, further deregulating the communications industry. As one who has been active in commercial free, free-form radio for four years, I feel that this decision will have an unbelievably detrimental affect on our nation's radio airwaves, one which we cannot afford to have.

Our nation's airwaves should be protected from the onslaught of large media corporations, who since 1996, have managed to carve up a large portion of the market, (most notably Clear Channel Communications). This nation was founded on the ideals of free speech, as exhibited by a healthy marketplace exchanging in the sale and trade of ideas. As we resitricit those who participate in the marketplace of ideas, we restrict opinions, thoughts, and the practice of free speech itself

As we lose more and more of our local, commercial free radio stations to media behemoths, our communities are irrevocably damaged. Many local stations operate for free, with community volunteers. Thus, members of the community lose the ability to participate in the exchange of free speech in their own back yards when their stations are swallowed up by the agents of deregulation.

Most galling in your decision was your complete unwillingess and stubbornness to engage the public in this debate. As our radio stations, newspapers, TV stations slowly slip away from our communities, to where will we turn to get unbiased news coverage? To where will we turn to get local community updates? To where will we turn we can no longer turn on the dial to that small, low-wattage station and hear an old Lightnin' Hopkins 78?

This is about more than consumer advocacy. It is about the preservation of free speech. In today's day and age, would the Federalist papers have been printed in newspapers? Would our nation's founder's be able to engage in debate on the pages of our local newspapers and broadcasts? I doubt it; they would have neither the advertising dollars nor the lobby power of Clear Channel et. al. For now, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Smith

From: Eleanor Hare
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 12:24 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Eleanor Hare (eleanorhare@earthlink.net) writes:

Thank you for your comments at the FCC hearing this morning. You truly represent the people. Your analogy of electric outlets in a house was "right on." Thank you again.

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From: Jeff MacGregor
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 12:25 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Jeff MacGregor (jgmacg@aol.com) writes:

A sad day in America, thanks to the FCC.

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From: mterral@cox.net
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 12:27 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

Chairman Powell-

I am very concerned about the changes in FCC rules regarding media ownership. These rules were to protect our citizens from robber-barron capitolists in the media.

This removal of ownership restrictions jeopardizes the public interest through limiting access to multiple sources of information.

Mary Ann Terral
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From: Nancy Jacques
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 12:27 PM
Subject: Deregulation vote 6/2

I oppose further deregulation of communication channels for the following reasons:

1. It is culturally unjust.
2. Local station owners know their territory; large corporations aren't neighbors!
3. Cross -ownership reduces ability of the public to receive varying views, which is already obvious, if you scan the quality of reportage extant through Fox channels. Pathetic, a dumbing down, a threat to having an informed citizenry, a threat to balancing a representative government.
- 4 The socalled competition will be unfair. Didn't we learn this lesson already in the era of Robber Barons?

Nancy C. Jacques
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From: Aztecjoes@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 12:28 PM
Subject: Disgrace!

Federal Communications Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy

Commissioner Abernathy:

Today's vote by the Federal Communications Commission was an outrage. You have spurned the interests of the American people and handed our nation's airwaves over to a handful of media conglomerates.

Be advised that the fight to preserve the First Amendment and democracy has just begun.

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From: wanderson@broniec.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 12:29 PM
Subject: Rules Changes

Kathleen, and Gentlemen,

I could discuss why the right to keep and bear arms is still needed, or not. We don't have to hunt dinner, or face savages on our homestead. We do face home intrusions and crime, yet we have local and state police at a phone call, and we are more likely to shoot ourselves or our families than an intruder. I do want to talk about some old rules, but rules that never become outdated.

The rules that never become outdated are the rules about media ownership and influence. Those that say times have changed are naive, or they are trying to fool someone. Usually, it is the dictator who controls the media, but if they are friendly to him, or he is to them, what difference does it make? In the here and now, it may seem OK that Rupert Murdoch is in control of the fastest growing news source.....News? Fair and Balanced? Well, that is another discussion..... But, what about your children, or their children? What about the people in society that are easily deceived? Is it OK, that all of the people in an area or region get their news, information, and daily education from one controlling interest? Most people have envisioned the possibility of this type of brainwashing as a tactic of some dark, Stalinist state run media. Isn't it even more ominous that the controlling party is the same Corporate America polluting your waterways, manipulating markets, closing plants, and lobbying congress for things that aren't always in your best interest?

You folks have a historic opportunity. You can be known as the group that protected the American people, or the group that gave them up.....Your choice, but don't think the American public isn't watching. Warren.

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From: June Deery
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 12:31 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

June Deery (deeryj@rpi.edu) writes:

Keep up the good fight!

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From: Richard Myers
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 12:32 PM
Subject: Regulations changes

We are very much opposed to the reduction in the regulations that will permit people like Rupert Murdoch to buy up all the communications media they want. We know you are opposed to the changes and we support you in your effort.

In spite of Powell's opinion that people can afford to buy equipment and pay fees to get programs there are a lot of people who can't do it. It is very important that all people get uncensored and unbiased information.

Richard and Diana Myers

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